

for such an action. By withdrawing the one-month time limit and reinstating the three-month time limit, the examiner will make yet another petition unnecessary.

The claims in the case are claims 1-6.

Claim 2 stands withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the claims as set forth in the page headed "AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS".

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the support bar is a straight piece. This is not new matter as this is shown in Fig. 4. Claim 4 has been amended to place a period at the end of the sentence.

Claims 1, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mah in view of Jones for the reasons set forth in the paragraphs bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action dated 2/3/2005.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mah in view of Jones, and further in view of Colpron for the reasons set forth on page 5 of the Office Action dated 2/3/2005.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mah in view of Jones, and further in view of Santmann for the reasons set forth in the first paragraph of page 5 of the Office Action dated 2/3/2005.

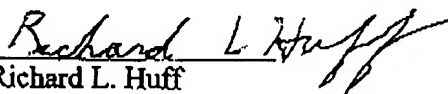
As the above amendment presents claim 2 having limitations which were not passed on by the Board, the examiner is requested to consider claim 2 along with the other claims under consideration.

Each of these rejections is traversed. These rejections will be treated as a unit.

Claim 1 now requires that a swivel bar be connected to a support bar, which support bar is a straight piece. In order to meet the prior limitation which required only a support bar, the examiner referred to the "support bar" 146 shown in Fig. 7 of the Mah reference. The item identified by the number 146 in Fig. 7 is referred to in the patent as being a shackle. This shackle does not meet the newly added limitation that the support bar be a straight piece. Also, there is no suggestion to replace the shackle with a support bar which is a straight piece.

While there are many other reasons why the rejection is improper, this response addresses only the support bar in order to narrow the issues. In view of the amendments and remarks it is considered that the claims in the application are now allowable and a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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